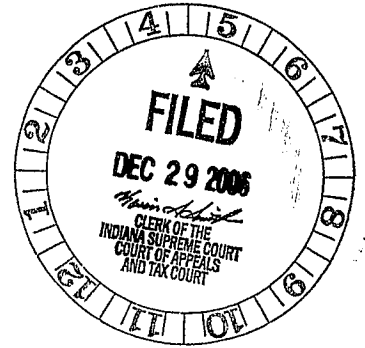


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)
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BRUCE C. BADE and THOMAS R.) Case No. 05S00-0612- ms-542
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HUNT AS SENIOR JUDGES IN THE)
)
BLACKFORD CIRCUIT COURT)

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGES

The judge elect of the Blackford Circuit Court, Dean A. Young, has requested the appointment of Senior Judges Bruce C. Bade and Thomas R. Hunt for service in that court for 2007, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-1. Judge-elect Young requests twenty-five (25) days of senior judge service days to accommodate conflicts that will prevent him from hearing certain cases upon assuming his office.

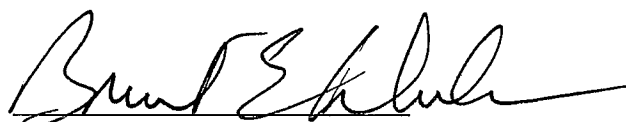
This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that Judge-elect Young has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources. We find further that the Blackford Circuit Court would benefit from the appointment of senior judges to that court. Senior Judges Bruce C. Bade and Thomas R. Hunt have been

certified as senior judges by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year 2007 pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1. This Court may re-examine the appointments made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judges Bruce C. Bade and Thomas R. Hunt are appointed to serve in the requesting trial court at the discretion of the requesting judge, effective **January 1, 2007**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2007**. The requesting trial court shall utilize no more than twenty-five (25) in the aggregate during the period ending December 31, 2007, and it shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of that court to ensure that no more than twenty-five (25) senior judge service days are used. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, each senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2007 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable Dean A. Young, Blackford Circuit Court, 110 West Washington Street, Hartford City, IN 47348-225; to the Honorable Bruce C. Bade; to the Honorable Thomas R. Hunt; and to the clerk of the Blackford Circuit Court, for entry in the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 29th day of December, 2006.


Acting Chief Justice of Indiana